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**AUTHORIZATION REGARDING HUNTING, POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION
OF CERVIDS PURSUANT TO KRS 150.025 AND 301 KAR 3:040**

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Whereas Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in free-ranging deer 7.8 miles from the Kentucky border in Henry Co., TN, thus activating the department's CWD Response Plan;

I do hereby authorize the following restrictions in the Kentucky counties of Fulton, Hickman, Calloway, Graves and Marshall:

1. Prohibition on baiting and feeding of all wildlife by means of any grain, salt, mineral or other attractants intended to be ingested, except for:
 - a. Normal agricultural practices, including food plots;
 - b. Hanging bird feeders within the curtilage of the home; and
 - c. Furbearer trapping (trappers shall use no grain, salt or mineral).
2. Mandatory release (per 301 KAR 2:075 release requirements) of any currently rehabilitated white-tailed deer within the county it is rehabilitated.
3. Prohibition on rehabilitation of white-tailed deer subsequent to issuance of this authorization.
4. Prohibition on transport of entire cervid carcasses, skull contents or spinal columns from deer harvested or slaughtered in the above counties (excluding antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, finished taxidermy work, hide or deboned meat).
5. Persons in possession of or transporting a cervid carcass or parts in or through any of these counties shall affix to the carcass or parts a clearly visible tag (such as paper, plastic or metal durably attached by wire, string, or cable tie) with the following information legibly displayed for inspection upon request by an official from the department, and shall include:
 - a. Species and sex of animal
 - b. County and state of origin
 - c. Date harvested or obtained
 - d. Hunter's name, valid telephone number including area code, and telecheck number (or state of origin's equivalent check-in verification number or information) for hunter-harvested cervids; and
 - e. Possessor's name, valid telephone number including area code, and a description of how the cervid carcass (or parts) was obtained, if possessor is different from person identified in d.



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6. During the following Kentucky deer hunting seasons, all hunters who harvest deer in these counties shall present at a KDFWR-authorized check station in one of these counties either the entire carcass of each deer, or the entire head and proof of sex (as established in 301 KAR 2:172) for collection of a CWD sample:
- a. Early Muzzleloader Season (two (2) consecutive days beginning the third Saturday in October);
 - b. Modern Gun Season (sixteen (16) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November); and
 - c. Late Muzzleloader Season (nine (9) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in December).

This authorization is effective immediately until rescinded or superseded by Kentucky Administrative Regulation(s).



Rich Storm
Commissioner

